
Montgomery County Public Schools

MISSION STATEMENT

The Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) operates a countywide system of public schools for students from pre-kindergarten through high school. For the 2008-09 school year (FY09), 139,276 students in pre-kindergarten classes through grades 12 attend 199 separate public educational facilities. For the 2009-10 school year (FY10), enrollment is estimated at 140,500 students.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

The County Executive's role in the MCPS budget process is to present to the County Council a recommended total budget. The total recommended FY10 Operating Budget is \$2,128.4 million, an increase of \$61.7 million or 3.0 percent compared to the original FY09 approved budget of \$2,066.7 million. The Board of Education's (BOE) amended Operating Budget request for FY10 totaled \$2,152.1 million.

The County Executive's recommendation would fund nearly 99 percent of the BOE's request and establishes an affordable and sustainable level of support that both addresses educational needs and maintains commitments to employees. It would raise total per pupil spending from all sources to \$15,149, the highest level ever.

The County also supports the operations of the school system through the expenditures of other departments. For example, school health services, childhood wellness, and Linkages to Learning programs are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services; research and internet resources are made available in the Montgomery County Public Libraries; crossing guards and Educational Facilities Officers are supported by the Department of Police; sports academies for youth are sponsored by the Department of Recreation; reimbursements for classrooms and school sports fields rented by residents are made by Community Use of Public Facilities; and the Department of Environmental Protection maintains the stormwater facilities of the public schools. In addition to the total recommended Operating Budget for the public schools, this agency's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) requires County funding. Approximately \$7.2 million dollars in FY10 current revenues and \$18.1 million in recordation taxes are recommended in the amended FY09-14 CIP.

The recommended budget includes the County's contribution of \$1,498.9 million (70.4 percent of all recommended funding), State aid and grants of \$471.4 million (22.2 percent), Federal grants and aid of \$87.0 million (4.1 percent), and tuition, fees, and private grants of \$15.0 million (0.7 percent). The recommended appropriation for the fee supported enterprise funds is \$54.6 million (2.5 percent) and for the special revenue fund is \$1.6 million (0.1 percent).

Tax Supported Funding for the Public Schools

For FY10, the total tax supported portion of the Executive's recommendation (excluding grants and enterprise funds) is \$1,975.5 million, an increase of \$38.5 million or 2.0 percent over the original FY09 approved Operating Budget.

The tax supported portion of the recommendation includes the local contribution of funds of \$1,498.9 million. The Executive's recommendation for local funding is \$48.8 million less than the FY10 State Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement due to the County's very constrained fiscal condition that impedes the County's ability to fund the full amount. The County will request an MOE waiver from the Maryland State Department of Education. A failure to grant an MOE waiver would result in nearly \$50 million in additional expenditure reductions and direct service cuts in Montgomery County Government, Montgomery College, and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Fiscal Summary

The Executive's total budget recommendation from all funding sources of \$2,128.4 million represents nearly 99 percent of the BOE's amended request. The Executive endorses funding of the contracts, as amended in 2008, negotiated with the Montgomery County Education Association, the Montgomery County Association of Administrative and Supervisory Personnel, and the Service Employees International Union Local 500. The Executive recommends reductions of \$12.3 million to the requested increase for retiree health insurance prefunding and \$11.4 million for the additional requested funding for the employee benefit plan and the pension fund. However, the Executive ultimately relies on the BOE to determine the most appropriate manner to deliver educational services within their recommended budget allocation.

Spending Affordability

In February 2009, the Montgomery County Council approved FY10 Spending Affordability Guidelines (SAG) of \$2,003.5 million for the tax supported funds of MCPS. The County Executive recommends \$1,975.5 million for the tax-supported funds of MCPS, which is \$28.0 million or 1.4 percent below SAG. The BOE requested \$1,999.2 million in tax supported funds.

Additional Budget Details

The Executive believes that the total FY10 Operating Budget recommendation supports educational needs and maintains commitments to employees. In making this recommendation, the Executive affirms the authority of the BOE to establish educational policy and to determine the allocation of appropriated funds in support of the mission of the public school system. Complete information regarding the MCPS budget request is available in the FY10 Operating Budget adopted by the BOE on February 9, 2009, and amended on February 23, 2009. Copies of that budget are available at Montgomery County libraries, on the MCPS website and, upon request, from the school system.

LINKAGE TO COUNTY RESULT AREAS

While this program area supports all eight of the County Result Areas, the following are emphasized:

❖ Children Prepared to Live and Learn

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND INITIATIVES

- ❖ **Provide resources to accommodate the enrollment of 140,500 students.**
- ❖ **Make a County contribution to MCPS of \$1,498.9 million.**
- ❖ **Raise MCPS total spending to \$2,128.2 million, an increase of \$61.7 million, or 3.0% over FY09 levels.**
- ❖ **Expand funding per pupil from all sources to \$15,149, the highest level ever.**
- ❖ **Support MCPS programs through expenditures in other County departments, such as Health and Human Services, Public Libraries, Police, Recreation, Community Use of Public Facilities, and Environmental Protection.**
- ❖ **Productivity Improvements**
 - **All grade levels and student groups improved their performance based on the results of the Maryland School Assessment. Among elementary school students, 89.9% scored at the proficient or advanced level for reading and 87.2% for math. Among middle school students, 86.3% scored at the proficient or advanced level for reading and 76.9% for math.**
 - **The achievement gap between African American and Hispanic students and their white and Asian American counterparts continued to narrow. This change is due to the accelerating rate of proficiency for these students over the past six years.**
 - **The MCPS Class of 2008 set new Advanced Placement (AP) examination participation and performance records. Three County high schools were awarded "gold medal" status, placing them among the top 100 high schools in the nation, based in part on AP exam performance.**
 - **Average composite SAT scores for the MCPS Class of 2008 outpaced those of students throughout Maryland and across the nation by more than 100 points. The participation rate was 74% of the class, which is greater than the statewide rate of 68% and the national rate of 49%.**

PROGRAM CONTACTS

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BUDGET SUMMARY

	Actual FY08	Budget FY09	Estimated FY09	Recommended FY10	% Chg Bud/Rec
CURRENT FUND MCPS					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Current Fund MCPS Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0	—
Operating Expenses	1,856,561,592	1,936,956,571	1,917,920,866	1,975,499,903	2.0%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
Current Fund MCPS Expenditures	1,856,561,592	1,936,956,571	1,917,920,866	1,975,499,903	2.0%
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Workyears	19,578.8	19,536.9	19,536.9	19,585.4	0.2%
REVENUES					
Basic State Aid	193,323,786	166,025,850	190,262,536	223,469,263	34.6%
GCEI - Geographic Cost of Education Index	0	18,372,221	18,372,221	30,946,911	68.4%
Transportation	30,678,135	31,481,949	31,481,949	33,554,829	6.6%
Students With Disabilities	47,106,218	43,828,646	44,211,095	46,513,770	6.1%
Foster Care/Miscellaneous	467,550	750,000	750,000	750,000	—
Supplemental Grant	0	10,395,191	10,039,105	0	—
Thornton Legislation	120,557,055	128,446,467	128,382,838	135,128,401	5.2%
Tuition-Other Sources	6,627,327	5,943,645	5,843,645	5,989,568	0.8%
Federal Revenues	244,838	230,000	230,000	245,000	6.5%
Current Fund MCPS Revenues	399,004,909	405,473,969	429,573,389	476,597,742	17.5%
GRANT FUND MCPS					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Grant Fund MCPS Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0	—
Operating Expenses	82,189,035	74,992,910	74,992,910	96,719,382	29.0%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
Grant Fund MCPS Expenditures	82,189,035	74,992,910	74,992,910	96,719,382	29.0%
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Workyears	634.0	595.4	595.4	744.5	25.0%
REVENUES					
Federal Grants	77,083,010	64,885,337	64,885,337	86,705,299	33.6%
State Grants	4,314,890	1,023,000	1,023,000	1,023,000	—
Private Grants	791,135	9,084,573	9,084,573	8,991,083	-1.0%
Grant Fund MCPS Revenues	82,189,035	74,992,910	74,992,910	96,719,382	29.0%
FOOD SERVICE FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Food Service Fund Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0	—
Operating Expenses	40,250,003	46,841,144	46,841,144	47,821,972	2.1%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
Food Service Fund Expenditures	40,250,003	46,841,144	46,841,144	47,821,972	2.1%
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Workyears	601.7	604.7	604.7	604.7	—
REVENUES					
Child Care Food Service	0	600,000	600,000	700,000	16.7%
Federal Food	16,424,050	16,290,836	17,533,426	18,746,883	15.1%
State Food	1,010,545	1,115,702	1,049,308	1,067,287	-4.3%
Sale of Meals	22,815,408	28,834,606	27,658,410	27,307,802	-5.3%
Food Service Fund Revenues	40,250,003	46,841,144	46,841,144	47,821,972	2.1%
REAL ESTATE FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—

	Actual FY08	Budget FY09	Estimated FY09	Recommended FY10	% Chg Bud/Rec
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Real Estate Fund Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0	—
Operating Expenses	2,765,022	2,549,103	2,549,103	2,651,095	4.0%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
Real Estate Fund Expenditures	2,765,022	2,549,103	2,549,103	2,651,095	4.0%
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Workyears	4.0	6.5	6.5	6.5	—
REVENUES					
Real Estate Fund	2,765,022	2,549,103	2,549,103	2,651,095	4.0%
Real Estate Fund Revenues	2,765,022	2,549,103	2,549,103	2,651,095	4.0%
ADULT EDUCATION					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Adult Education Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0	—
Operating Expenses	0	0	0	0	—
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
Adult Education Expenditures	0	0	0	0	—
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Workyears	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	—
FIELD TRIP FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Field Trip Fund Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0	—
Operating Expenses	1,722,208	2,199,661	2,199,661	2,314,716	5.2%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
Field Trip Fund Expenditures	1,722,208	2,199,661	2,199,661	2,314,716	5.2%
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Workyears	3.0	4.0	4.0	4.5	12.5%
REVENUES					
Field Trip Fees	1,722,208	2,199,661	2,199,661	2,314,716	5.2%
Field Trip Fund Revenues	1,722,208	2,199,661	2,199,661	2,314,716	5.2%
ENTREPRENEURIAL ACTIVITIES FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Entrepreneurial Activities Fund Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0	—
Operating Expenses	1,866,786	1,561,075	1,561,075	1,774,100	13.6%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
Entrepreneurial Activities Fund Expenditures	1,866,786	1,561,075	1,561,075	1,774,100	13.6%
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Workyears	9.5	8.0	8.0	10.0	25.0%
REVENUES					
Entrepreneurial Activities Fee	1,866,786	1,561,075	1,561,075	1,774,100	13.6%
Entrepreneurial Activities Fund Revenues	1,866,786	1,561,075	1,561,075	1,774,100	13.6%
INSTRUCTIONAL TELEVISION FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Instructional Television Fund Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0	—
Operating Expenses	1,521,000	1,582,830	1,582,830	1,629,000	2.9%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
Instructional Television Fund Expenditures	1,521,000	1,582,830	1,582,830	1,629,000	2.9%
PERSONNEL					

	Actual FY08	Budget FY09	Estimated FY09	Recommended FY10	% Chg Bud/Rec
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Workyears	13.5	14.0	14.0	14.0	—
DEPARTMENT TOTALS					
Total Expenditures	1,986,875,646	2,066,683,294	2,047,647,589	2,128,410,168	3.0%
Total Full-Time Positions	0	0	0	0	—
Total Part-Time Positions	0	0	0	0	—
Total Workyears	20,844.5	20,769.5	20,769.5	20,969.6	1.0%
Total Revenues	527,797,963	533,617,862	557,717,282	627,879,007	17.7%

MCPS EXPENDITURES FY80-FY09					
County Fiscal Year	Total Expenditures	Total Enrollment	Per Pupil	County Funding	As Percent of Total
80	\$283,964,983	102,519	\$2,770	\$217,458,068	76.6%
81	\$310,301,970	98,843	\$3,139	\$243,994,370	78.6%
82	\$331,546,219	95,587	\$3,469	\$267,891,955	80.8%
83	\$351,939,986	92,517	\$3,804	\$286,965,658	81.5%
84	\$371,322,717	91,030	\$4,079	\$303,726,901	81.8%
85	\$399,916,181	91,704	\$4,361	\$330,035,065	82.5%
86	\$436,875,791	92,871	\$4,704	\$361,788,973	82.8%
87	\$475,866,930	94,460	\$5,038	\$398,053,264	83.6%
88	\$519,622,140	96,271	\$5,397	\$434,582,576	83.6%
89	\$577,957,669	98,519	\$5,866	\$488,062,505	84.4%
90	\$642,553,932	100,259	\$6,409	\$545,768,528	84.9%
91	\$702,260,084	103,732	\$6,770	\$601,407,797	85.6%
92	\$712,896,646	107,140	\$6,654	\$603,939,300	84.7%
93	\$738,767,864	110,037	\$6,714	\$622,732,456	84.3%
94*	\$793,907,907	113,429	\$6,999	\$666,557,884	84.0%
95	\$830,010,147	117,082	\$7,089	\$695,512,609	83.8%
96	\$878,160,420	120,291	\$7,300	\$718,938,647	81.9%
97	\$915,141,097	122,505	\$7,470	\$740,984,871	81.0%
98	\$958,416,196	125,035	\$7,665	\$765,835,476	79.9%
99	\$1,034,768,530	127,852	\$8,093	\$820,833,423	79.3%
00	\$1,105,644,145	130,689	\$8,460	\$870,940,869	78.8%
01	\$1,216,096,599	134,180	\$9,063	\$959,754,838	78.9%
02	\$1,323,625,477	136,832	\$9,673	\$1,029,703,651	77.8%
03	\$1,412,161,822	138,891	\$10,167	\$1,079,188,698	76.4%
04	\$1,501,381,116	139,203	\$10,786	\$1,136,392,169	75.7%
05	\$1,609,382,533	139,337	\$11,550	\$1,217,214,553	75.6%
06	\$1,713,736,154	139,387	\$12,295	\$1,296,325,112	75.6%
07	\$1,851,496,287	137,798	\$13,436	\$1,384,725,787	74.8%
08	\$1,985,017,619	137,745	\$14,411	\$1,456,912,582	73.4%
09	\$2,066,683,294	137,763	\$15,002	\$1,531,482,602	74.1%
10 CE Rec	\$2,128,410,168	140,500	\$15,149	\$1,498,902,161	70.4%

Sources: Approved Operating Budgets

Notes:

* State legislative action shifted responsibility for teacher Social Security payments to local jurisdictions in FY94.

Per pupil spending represents all sources of funds

In addition to MCPS appropriations, the following County departments also support MCPS programs:

- School Health Nurses and Health Room Technicians (Health and Human Services)
- Childhood Wellness (Health and Human Services)
- Linkages to Learning (Health and Human Services)
- Research and Internet Resources (Public Libraries)
- Sports Academies (Recreation)
- Educational Facilities Officers (Police)
- Crossing Guards (Police)
- Reimbursements for Rented Classrooms and Sports Fields (Community Use of Public Facilities)
- Stormwater Facility Maintenance (Environmental Protection)
- Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Current Revenue
- Debt Service on School Facilities

Montgomery County Public Schools FY2010 Organization

